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On January 19, 2010, applicant was notified this application was in condition for allowance except for formal matters. Prosecution as to the merits was and remains closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Claims 1 and 3-21 are allowable. The only question to be resolved prior to allowance is the question of priority of inventorship, which is properly resolved under interference proceedings.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Comstock whose telephone number is (571) 272-4710 (a detailed message should be left if Examiner is unavailable). If attempts to reach the Examiner by telephone or voicemail are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert, can be reached at (571) 272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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